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SUBJECT: LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA FROM SECRETARY

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1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM SECRETARY  
KISSINGER TO FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR ANTONIO: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 20, 1974 ON THE SUBJECT OF BRAZILIAN  
FOOTWEAR EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES. I WAS GLAD THAT  
YOU WROTE AND EXPRESSED YOUR VIEWS TO ME PERSONALLY. THEY  
WERE OF HELP TO ME IN MY OWN DISCUSSIONS WITH TREASURY  
SECRETARY SIMON TO WHOM I HAVE SPOKEN ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. I QUITE AGREE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS MATTER AND  
BELIEVE WE SHOULD HAVE THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE CONSULTATIONS  
IN TRYING TO FIND A SOLUTION. I AM HOPEFUL THAT THIS CAN  
BE DONE AND WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH WE HAVE APPRECIATED  
THE RECENT COOPERATION OF BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES IN PROVIDING  
PERTINENT INFORMATION TO OUR OFFICIALS AND PARTICIPATING  
IN MEETINGS TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION.

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4. SECRETARY SIMON HAS TOLD ME, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAS

VIRTUALLY NO DISCRETION IN THIS MATTER. HE SAYS THAT THE

LAW IN THE UNITED STATES REQUIRES HIM TO IMPOSE A COUNTER-VAILING DUTY IF A SO-CALLED "BOUNTY OR GRANT" IS FOUND TO EXIST. A LAWSUIT HAS ALREADY BEEN BROUGHT AGAINST HIM REQUIRING THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT TO FULFILL ITS ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES.

5. I RECOGNIZE THAT SUCH AN ACTION WOULD WORK AT CROSS-PURPOSES TO WHAT YOU AND I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH BOTH IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AND IN THE OVERALL INTER-AMERICAN CONTEXT. THAT IS WHY I HAVE ASKED SECRETARY SIMON TO DO EVERYTHING HE CAN TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF OTHER ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS. HE HAS ASSURED ME THAT HE WILL DO SO, INsofar AS HE CAN, AND DURING MY ABSENCE ON THIS TRIP I HAVE LEFT INSTRUCTIONS WITH JACK KUBISCH TO WORK UNCEASINGLY WITH TREASURY DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AND BRAZILIAN REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PROBLEM.

6. I WAS VERY SORRY NOT TO BE ABLE TO SEE AMBASSADOR ARAUJO CASTRO OVER THIS PAST WEEKEND TO RECEIVE YOUR LETTER AND DISCUSS IT WITH HIM PERSONALLY. HOWEVER, AS A RESULT OF MY PREPARATIONS FOR THIS TRIP AND A NUMBER OF LAST MINUTE DEMANDS ON MY TIME THE MEETING JUST COULD NOT BE WORKED OUT. HOWEVER, I DO WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I AM DOING EVERYTHING I CAN TO TRY AND FIND A SATISFACTORY MEANS OF DEALING WITH THIS PROBLEM. WITH WARMEST REGARDS, HENRY. END TEXT. SISCO

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